

ADOPT-THE-OUTDOORS PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates an Adopt-the-Outdoors Program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates an Adopt-the-Outdoors Program;
- ▶ permits a person to sponsor a recreational outdoor location;
- ▶ grants the department rulemaking authority to administer the Adopt-the-Outdoors

Program; and

- ▶ requires the department to appoint a manager to administer the Adopt-the-Outdoors
- Program.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-279, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 68

ENACTS:

79-7-501, Utah Code Annotated 1953



28 [79-7-502](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



30 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31 Section 1. Section **63I-1-279** is amended to read:

32 **63I-1-279. Repeal dates: Title 79.**

33 (1) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(p\)](#), related to the Heritage Trees Advisory Committee, is
34 repealed July 1, 2026.

35 (2) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(q\)](#), related to the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure
36 Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

37 (3) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(r\)\(i\)](#), related to an advisory council created by the Division
38 of Outdoor Recreation to advise on boating policies, is repealed July 1, 2024.

39 (4) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(s\)](#), related to the Wildlife Board Nominating Committee, is
40 repealed July 1, 2023.

41 (5) Subsection [79-2-201\(2\)\(t\)](#), related to regional advisory councils for the Wildlife
42 Board, is repealed July 1, 2023.

43 (6) Section [79-7-206](#), creating the Utah Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Advisory
44 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2027.

45 (7) Section [79-7-207](#), creating the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program, is repealed July 1,
46 2028.

47 [~~7~~] (8) Title 79, Chapter 8, Part 4, Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant
48 Program, is repealed January 1, 2028.

49 Section 2. Section **79-7-501** is enacted to read:

50 **79-7-501. Definitions.**

51 As used in this part:

52 (1) "Manager" means the individual appointed by the director under Section [79-7-502](#).

53 (2) "Program" means the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program created in Section [79-7-502](#)
54 that provides a person the opportunity to adopt a recreational outdoor location for trail
55 maintenance, enhancement, and development.

56 (3) "Recreational outdoor location" means:

57 (a) a trail, trailhead infrastructure, signs, or crossing infrastructure, for either
58 nonmotorized or motorized recreation;

- 59 (b) a campground or picnic area;
- 60 (c) water recreation infrastructure, including a pier, dock, or boat ramp; or
- 61 (d) a recreation facility that is accessible to visitors with disabilities.

62 Section 3. Section **79-7-502** is enacted to read:

63 **79-7-502. Adopt-the-Outdoors Program.**

64 (1) There is created within the division the Adopt-the-Outdoors Program, under the
65 general supervision of the director or the director's designee, to:

66 (a) permit a person to volunteer labor or funding to clean or maintain a recreational
67 outdoor location; and

68 (b) recognize the person providing the labor or funding via a sign or other indication.

69 (2) The division shall make rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
70 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer the program, including rules for:

71 (a) recreational outdoor location maintenance;

72 (b) partnerships between private and public entities; and

73 (c) the duties of the manager.

74 (3) The director shall appoint a manager to administer the program.

75 (4) A person desiring to adopt a recreational outdoor location shall submit an
76 application to the division on a form provided by the division.